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General Thomas M. Ryan, Jr., USAF
Commander in Chief
Headquarters Military Airlift Command
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois 62225

General Ryan:

I would like to thank you for the courtesy and cooperation your people extended to [] during his recent stint at MAC.

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After reviewing [] findings and talking with [] who was in town recently, I have initiated several actions that will expand and improve our support to you and your intelligence staff in the near term. To improve our substantive support to you, we are now sending you by cable:

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- The Key Judgment portions from a wider selection of National Intelligence Estimates, Special National Intelligence Estimates, and Interagency Intelligence memoranda, concentrating on those situations which could affect MAC's worldwide responsibilities.
- Selected articles from the National Intelligence Daily, which provide in-depth examinations of current crises and areas of current or potential concern for senior policymakers.
- "Situation" and other ad hoc reports on critical areas and issues that impact on US Government interests.

We will also provide you all field reports that indicate actions of imminent threat to major airfields and/or MAC aircrews and aircraft worldwide. Some of these reports will be particularly sensitive and will require special handling. [] our nonresident representative to MAC, will continue to serve as the point of contact for MAC requirements for handling such material.

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Even though [] survey suggests that a full-time intelligence representative at MAC would not add much more at this point, I understand you retain your preference for having one. I have therefore asked both our intelligence and operational people to try to identify candidates who could best satisfy your needs. We will do our best to come up with the right person for you.

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General Thomas M. Ryan, Jr., USAF

In the meantime, [] will make more and longer visits to Scott Air Force Base to ensure our support measures up to your needs. Periodically, specialists from headquarters will accompany him. [] has also gotten General Davis' okay--as long as SAC is not in a Crisis Action Team mode--to spend a few days with MAC on a full-time basis when you are gearing up for a Crisis Action Team. This should enable him to ensure that you are receiving all the assistance we can provide.

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As I have told you before, we are very grateful for MAC's outstanding support, and we want to make sure we do what we can for you. If there's anything we can do, just give me a shout.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

John N. McMahon
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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